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MOVING FROM FEAR TO LOVE

Fr. Gene Schroeder
Pastor

"Do not be afraid." It's the most repeated phrase in the bible. Sounds good. After all, who enjoys being afraid? But apparently if there is one thing that we share in common with the many people who have gone before us, it is that we seem to find ourselves filled with fear and anxiousness.

Look at the news stories, and they continue their daily diatribe of stories that follow the mantra, "If it bleeds, it leads." We hear stories about the war in Ukraine with all of its talk about civilian casualties, destruction of property and allegations of war crimes.

Catch the local news, and you'll hear stories of people shooting one another. Things that used to happen in "other places, but not here" seem to be happening here with amazing regularity.

Turn off the news, and you still can't get away from things that cause fear and anxiety. Gas prices, food prices, and other costs continue to climb. And we hear of the difficult challenges people face in their lives---a friend is diagnosed with terminal cancer, a couple we know is ending their marriage. Yes, there is much about which to feel anxious and afraid."

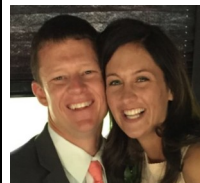
In a world that seems to be losing its foundations, we don't know what if anything is certain. When our worldview is being redefined every couple of months, it is natural for us to experience anxiety and fear. It is also pretty natural to try to get rid of it. Who wouldn't want to. I sure don't know anyone who enjoys being afraid. I know I don't.

We almost always try to find a way to ignore these feelings. Or, we can easily fall prey to blaming someone for them and the things that are happening. We can look at the situation and quickly determine what things we are 'against'. Formulating what we are against gives us a quick and clear sense of ourselves. It is so much easier to define ourselves by what we are against, by whom we hate, and by who else is wrong, instead of by what we believe in and whom we love.

The fear we feel, when we can even acknowledge it, creates much anxiety. We want to get rid of it as quickly as we can. By doing this, we give ourselves permission to eliminate people from our lives, to write them off, exclude them, and somehow expel them at least in our minds.

This immediately gives us a sense of being in control and having a secure set of boundaries, even holy boundaries. It is almost

SUMMER SOCIAL--SUNDAY, JULY 31 *Ready To Do It Again This Year?*



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For the last two years we have had the best socials in our parish history. We've been focusing on the two things that have always done well for our social through the years--our great chicken dinner and our grand raffle. Last year we served over 2400 diners and 74% of our parish families helped us to raise over \$85,000 through our grand raffle alone.

So, why argue with success? We believe it is in the Parish's best interest **TO DO WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR.**

So we'll be sending everyone a packet of tickets toward the end of this month for them to buy/sell. We're confident that the 375 families who bought/sold their raffle tickets last year will be willing to do that again this year. Our hope is that the other 145 families will be in a position to help us out as well. We know that people feel good when they are doing their part in this parish effort.



We'll be doing our chicken dinner also as we did last year: Drive Thru only. We'll give every family a chance to buy tickets for their family as well. Look for more information in the weeks to come! We'll be selling tickets for the dinner beforehand. For the past couple of years, we've had some folks who sold dinners to the folks at Leisure Living. Perhaps there are other places where folks work that they could be selling dinner tickets as well. Could this be your special way to help out? In the meantime, here are some dates to note

Monday, July 18 Dumpling Making Day
Friday, July 29 Chicken Dinner Preparations
Saturday, July 30 Carryout Set-Up
Sunday, July 31 Social Dinners PICK UP TIME 10 am - 1 pm



\$15,000 in prizes
TICKETS \$25
5 / \$100

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always fear that justifies our knee-jerk reactions or our need to dominate. This fear is hardly ever recognized as such because we are acting out and trying to control the situation.

The great spiritual mothers and fathers of our Catholic tradition show us that the path beyond fears is not to run away from them, not to blame others for them. They guide us to turn towards these fears and allow them to teach us. For many folks this may sound really crazy, like running towards the fire instead of away from it. But, if we look beneath our fears, we

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MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE MONDAY, MAY 30 at 8 AM

On Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day, at 8 am, members of our parish will gather in our parish cemetery to pray for the military veterans who are buried in St. Joe Cemetery. Afterwards, we will gather for Mass in church. (In case of inclement weather, we will gather in church) Listed below are the veterans who are buried in our parish cemetery and in other Evansville cemeteries.

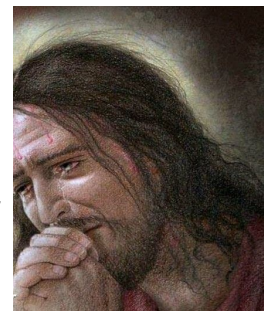
Larry Alsop
1940-2020 ARMY
Frank Arnold
1908-1984 WW II
Barthel Bender
1892-1959 WW I
Clarence Botzum
1915-2000 WW II
Victor Brugger
1916-1968 WW II
Judy Cosgrove
1957-2013
AIR FORCE
Gerald Drone
1937-2001 NAVY
George Duncan
1920-1983 WW II
Aloysius Effinger
1926-1945 WW II
Killed in Action
Frank Effinger
1892-1923 WW I
Thomas Effinger
1842-1907 CIVIL WAR
Joseph Eickhoff
1932-1991 KOREA
Charles Elpers
1920-1992 WW II
Joseph J. Elpers
1919-1995 WW II
Joey Elpers
1944-2009 VIETNAM
Bill Elpers
1923-2012 ARMY
Edwin J. Englert
1892-1965 WW I
Frances Englert
1921-1990 WW II
Joe Englert
1923-1984 WW II
Robert Englert

1924-1986
WW II POW
Don Flick
1931-2013 KOREA
Victor Frank
1921-2001 WW II
Jim Fehrenbacher
1916-2001 WW II
George Folz
1912-1957 WW II
Mac Glaser
1928-2012 KOREA
Earl Happe
1919-1987 WW II
Ron Hartmann
1947-2017 ARMY
Paul Hasselbrinck
1933-2016 KOREA
William Helfrich
1931-1993 KOREA
Francis Hillenbrand
1921-2018 WWII
Leo B. Hillenbrand
1911-1975 WW II
Leo J. Hillenbrand
1921-2003 WWII
Merl Hoefling
1923-1985 WW II
Larry Hoefling
1945-2021 NAVY
Leroy Jochum
1934-2013 ARMY
Henry Kares
1911-1983 ARMY
Greg Kempf
1925-2005 WW II
Ron Kempf
1938-2021
NATIONAL GUARD
Tom Kempf
1933-2014 ARMY

William Kempf
1935-2001 ARMY
Albert Kissel
1936-1986 NAVY
William Kissel
1932-1971 KOREA
Dick Klausmeier
1930-2022 KOREA
John Kraft
1894-1964 WW I
Marlon Kroeger
1924-2021
NATIONAL GUARD
Nick Lannert
1976-2019 ARMY
Charles Lewis
1917-2002 WWII
Leo Mayer
1893-1975 WW I
Kenneth Maurer
1945-2013
NATIONAL GUARD
Olen Metz
1921-1994 WW II
Clarence Miller
1923-2011 WWII
Francis Niemeier
1921-1944 WW II
Killed in Action
Buried in Holland
Hank Preske
1923-2016 WW II
Barthel Rexing
1917-1987 WW II
Carl Rexing
1924-2013 WW II
Joe Rexing
1919-2005 WW II
Clem Ritter
1912-1973 WW II

Sweet brother, if I do not sleep
My eyes are flowers for your tomb;
And if I cannot eat my bread,
My fasts shall live like willows where you died.
If in the heat I find no water for my thirst,
My thirst shall turn to springs
for you, poor traveler....
Come, in my labor find a resting place
And in my sorrows lay your head.
Or rather take my life and blood
And buy yourself a better bed—
Or take my breath and take my death
And buy yourself a better rest.
When all the men of war are shot
And flags have fallen into dust
Your cross and mine shall tell men still
Christ died on each, for both of us.
For in the wreckage of your April Christ lies slain,
And Christ weeps in the ruins of my spring:
The money of Whose tears shall fall
Into your weak and friendless hand,
And buy you back to your own land:
The silence of Whose tears shall fall
Like bells upon your alien tomb,
Hear them and come:
they shall call you home.

Written by Fr. Thomas Merton, a monk of the Trappist monastery of Gethsemane when he learned that his brother Paul Merton, a member of the Canadian Royal Air Force was killed



Grant Eternal Rest to them O Lord. And Let Your Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Ralph Ritter 1971-1991 WW II	John Bergwitz 1938-2015 MARINES
Elmer Schapker 1928-2011 WWII	Charlie Bergwitz 1979-1992 NAVY
Paul Schapker 1921-2001 WWII	Elmer Debes 1939-1982 NAVY
Ken Schapker 1951-2015	Frank Eckart 1923-2009 WWII
NATIONAL GUARD	C. Merel Effinger 1937-2014 MARINES
Joe Scheller 1919-1986 WW II	Ray Fisher 1926-2007 WW II
Joseph Schneider 1894-1978 WW I	Robert Gentry 1927-2006 WW II
Vernon Sidenbender Jr. 1921-1973 WW II	KOREA, VIETNAM
Guy Smyth 1947-2015 VIETNAM	Norbert Happe 1896-1919 WW I
Eddie Spaetti 1951-2016	Buried in France
NATIONAL GUARD	Edgar Hartz 1933-2012 ARMY
Dave Tieken 1942-2005 ARMY	Joseph S. Johnson 1928-2000 KOREA
Floyd Titzer 1927-2017 NAVY	Bill Knight 1943-2014 AIR FORCE
Cyril Ubelhor 1930-2015 KOREA	Art Logel 1918-2007 WW II
Larry Ubelhor 1929-2012	Jack Lannert 1927-1985 WW II
NATIONAL GUARD	Joseph D. Mayer 1893-1963 WW I
Hubert Unfried 1923-1991 WW II	Robert McIntosh 1938-2017 AIR FORCE
KOREA	Harold Niemeier 1923-2019 WWII
Ray Voelker 1917-2007 WW II	Scottie Pace 1934-2021 ARMY
Albert Vollman 1944-2021 Navy	Bernie Scheller 1951-2002 ARMY
Walter Weis 1920-2018 NAVY	Don Schroeder 1931-2019 NAVY
Leroy Weiss 1921-2015 WWII	Joe Schu 1911-1999 WW II
Tony Weiss 1924-2020 WWII	Don Singleton 1927-2014 WW II
Talmadge Wells 1923-2018 WWII	Bob Straub 1934-2018 ARMY
Bud Werner 1929-2020 KOREA	Joe Sudholt 1950-2010 ARMY
Curtis Will 1941-2009 AIR FORCE	Donald Titzer 1936-2003 AIR FORCE
Urban Will 1916-2002 WW II	Richard Torres 1945-2019 ARMY
Daniel Woods 1939-2000 ARMY	Eugene Wargel 1940-1999 NAVY
Robert Woodward 1952-2001 VIETNAM	Allen Wargel 1946-2005 ARMY
Norbert Yellig 1917-2006 WWII	

BURIED IN OTHER CEMETERIES

Robert Angermeier
1928-2019 ARMY
Synatius Baumgart
1916-1993 WW II
Brenda Bergwitz
1942-2021 MARINES



2022 FISH FRY REPORT

Combine four hundred pounds of potatoes, one hundred pounds of cabbage, forty pounds of carrots, three cases of celery, forty pounds of bacon, forty-two hundred pieces of fish, five cases of red peppers, three cases of green peppers, one hundred pounds of onions, eighty-two gallons of beans, two hundred pounds of sugar, eighteen gallons of vinegar, fifty pounds of flour, one gallon of mustard, sixty-two bags of corn bread mix, two hundred pounds of corn meal breading, fifteen containers of peanut oil, ten pounds of butter, one large container of pepper, eight pounds of salt, eight cans of Pam and what do you get? Nothing less than a great fish dinner for 2050 people, all of whom left nourished and satisfied. That's what we were able to do for our fish fries this past March.



It takes a great deal of work and lots of cooperation by a lot of folks to make this happen. Special thanks to Shirley Happe and Alice Weis for overseeing the making of our German potato salad, to Imogene Baehl and her crew for taking care of the slaw, to Gary Fehrenbacher for over seeing the fish frying efforts, to Sheri King for making the baked beans, and to Sheri and Keri Hartz for putting up with all the disruptions in the kitchen, to Andy & Jessica Reckelhoff for taking care of the cornbread, to Tom Elsner and his crew for selling tickets, to Randy Fehrenbacher for overseeing the efforts to put all the dinners together and to Peter Fehrenbacher for overseeing the work of getting the meals to our customers, and to all the other folks who came to prepare all the food, get the dinners ready and then made sure everything got cleaned up and



put away at the end of the evening. Another great parish effort. And thanks to Elisha Dewig for agreeing to oversee the fish fry next year. She spent a lot of time learning how things were done this year so she'll be able to hit the ground running next year.

INCOME \$24,606.00
EXPENSES \$ 9,823.66
PROFIT \$14,782.34
MEALS SERVED 2050

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...COMING JUNE 20-23

The Parishes of Resurrection and St. Joe are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School WILL take place this summer from June 20-23 8:30-11:30 each morning! Children entering Preschool-4th Grade are welcome to attend, and students entering 5th grade-college are welcome to help with games, snacks, crafts, music, prayer, and just good fun! We are also looking for parent leaders and helpers in all of these areas and in the childcare room. The cost is \$20 per child, \$15 for additional siblings. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812)-598-1151 or jreckelhoff@evdio.org to register and for additional information.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 28, 2022--June 19, 2022

As we continue to navigate through this coronavirus pandemic, the liturgical ministers we need for our weekend Masses are limited to our lectors and one Eucharistic minister.

Saturday May 28, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday May 29, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Marcia Frey
Sunday May 29, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller
Saturday, June 4,, 2022 5 pm	Volunteers	Mike Reffett
Sunday June 5, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Folz
Sunda June 5, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Aleliah Nisley
Saturday June 11, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Sis Jarboe,
Sunday June 12, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Blythe
Sunday, June 12,, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Shane Wessel
Saturday, June 18, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday, June 19, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Chick Duncan
Sunday, June 19, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US ON THESE SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER

"Come away for awhile and pray." That was the invitation Jesus gave to his disciples many times. There are, of course, many ways we can do this. Here in our parish we have two special opportunities for people to spend some time in prayer at church. Each Monday, from 7 am to 7 pm we have Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, once every six weeks we have a 24 hour time for Eucharistic Adoration, from 6 am on Tuesday till 6 am on Wednesday. This 24 hour day of prayer is part of our an effort throughout our diocese to be praying each day for vocations.

What better place can you visit than at church during these special times of prayer. It is a chance to unburden yourself of all the heartaches, fears, angers, anxieties that weigh you down and then give you a chance to just be able to listen to God speak to us. "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest. Do not be afraid, I am with you always. You have only to call my name and I will be there." This is what our weekly day of Eucharistic Adoration and every six week 24 hour day of adoration are all about.

Our goal is to have two people come for each hour of prayer. This is especially wise for those late night and early morning hours through the night when some people might feel a little anxious about being the only person in church. Over the years, we have been blessed with many people who have come to pray during these prayer times. However, many of these faithful people have died. Others, because of health reasons, are no longer able to come to church. So now we are asking people in the parish to playfully consider coming to spend an hour in prayer for both our weekly day of prayer and our 24 hour day of prayer. We would also like to have a list of people who would be willing to be a substitute to fill in when those who regularly come are not able to make it.

There are sign up sheets at the front door of church where you can add your name and the particular hour you can come to pray. If you have any questions or want more information you can contact Terry (812.963.3149) or Imogene (812.963.5221)

Come away...
...and rest awhile

Up Close and Personal

INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Olivia Cody

Olivia's life has been filled with many things: swimming, hunting and fishing, developing her musical talents, working as a store manager, babysitting, cooking some great meals, and, oh by the way, going to school and finishing high school. Olivia is a senior at Reitz High School. She is the oldest daughter of Bill and Amy Cody and the older sister to Ava, a freshman

at Reitz, and Ella, a fifth grader at St. Joe.

Life has been busy for Olivia during her four years at Reitz. "It seems like it was just yesterday that I was graduating from eighth grade and now I'm ready to graduate from high school." Aside from taking all her academic classes and doing very well at that, Olivia found time to be part of an a cappella singing group during her freshman and sophomore years. She has also been a part of the high school choir all four years. Music is something Olivia has been interested in all her life. In grade school she learned to play the piano and later she learned how to play guitar and the ukulele. She was able to teach herself these skills by watching YouTube videos and joining her sisters and her dad in family jam sessions. "Mom played the piano, Dad played the guitar and Ella played the ukulele."

Much of Olivia's time in high school has been taken up with being a member of the varsity swim team. Swimming has some deep roots in the family. It was her dad that also was a member of his high school swim team when he attended Tell City High School. "I started swimming when I was in kindergarten and was a member of a swim teams at the Y all through grade school. As a member of the swim team at Reitz she has been around some pretty great swimmers—Lily King who swam in the Rio and Tokyo Olympics and Mikaela Jenkins who swam in the Tokyo Para Olympics. "She's pretty amazing!"

Olivia swam in the 500 meter free style. "As a long distance swimmer you have to learn how to pace yourself. You learn a lot about the discipline it requires to do well at swimming. Practicing isn't always fun and sometimes you have to really force yourself to do it. One thing that helped was being able to practice at the new Deaconess Aquatic Center that just opened up in Evansville. It's important to eat healthy foods as well. It all matters when you are trying to improve your times." One of the other things we discussed is how important swim suits are. This past year she was able to use a new tech swim suit for the first time and was able to eclipse her previous best time in the 500 meter freestyle race by 22 seconds, a pretty remarkable achievement.

One of the other interests that Olivia has developed is a love for hunting and fishing. It's another thing she has learned from her dad, going with him to hunt deer and turkey. She's become pretty good at hunting deer during gun season and bow season. And she has learned how to process all the meat from a deer kill as well as learning some of the best recipes for deer meat. She's been able to go with the family for the annual hunting trip in Kansas with family friends. She's also tried her hand at bow fishing along with her grade school classmate, Trevor Clem. Visiting with her grandparents at their lake house near Jasper is always a good chance to go fishing as well. And a chance to enjoy some of her grandmother's great cooking.

Olivia started school at Resurrection and then came to St.

Joe beginning with 4th grade. "I liked all the teachers. I remember hearing from many of them, that 'it's important that you learn how to do this because this will help you in high school.' And they were right because it made a lot of things I did in high school pretty easy. It was a big change going from my small grade school class to Reitz which is a lot bigger. But I found a lot of different friends especially through choir and swimming which made my high school experience pretty good." Next year, Olivia plans on attending the Salon Professional Academy where she hopes to pursue a career in hair-dressing, facials, nails and cosmetology.

Family life has played a big role in Olivia's life. "My mom and dad have always been there for me and my sisters. We enjoy doing a lot of things together, especially hunting and fishing. My dad has taught me the importance of being your own person and believing in yourself. My mom has taught me a lot about being accepting of others. She's also given me the courage to be ok with making mistakes. Everyone is going to make mistakes, but the important thing is learning from them. Mom's also taught me some great food recipes—biscuits and gravy with sausage and fried potatoes using a cast iron skillet, especially good for those hunting trips!

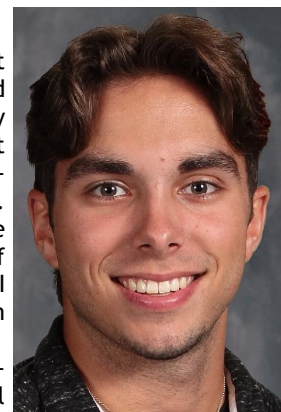
Olivia has also found time to babysit for her neighbors—the family of Troy and Autumn Link. "I've been around them for so many years, they almost seem like my kids." She's also taught swimming lessons and served as a lifeguard at Howell Pool. She's also worked as one of the store managers at the north side Pet Food Center.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "What I have learned from my family is how important it is to be there for each other. I think it is good to put your efforts into trying to make life a little easier for others. That involves a lot of simple things like treating other people with kindness and learning how to be dependable. Some of the biggest challenges in my life happened around the death of people. I had a classmate from my time at Resurrection who died very suddenly. It's hard to understand why things like that happen. Later, when my classmate and friend Trevor Clem's father died, I learned how important it is to just be there with others when they are going through these difficult times. Friends will come and go in life so you need to treasure them while they are with you and then let them move on and be open to other people coming into your life."

Evan Lyke

Evan is the oldest son of Brent and Kelly Lyke, older brother (and protector) of younger sister Elsey and twin of his brother Ethan. As it happens they share the same birthday as their grandpa, John Maurer. "it's great being a twin—a little like looking in the mirror. But each of them has his unique personality. "I like chocolate and he hates it. I'm right handed and he's left handed.

Evan is getting ready to complete his four years of high school at Central this month. "High school has been great but I'm ready to graduate. Evan started school here at St. Joe going to Pre-K. "I really liked my teachers at St. Joe. Mrs. Will was my "school mom," always looking after



Saluting our Youth

- Congratulations to All City Academic Team members: REITZ: Olivia Cody- Swimming and Diving Team, MATER DEI: Brandon Elpers-Wrestling; Brylee Delano, Kayla Gerth-Basketball, Lillian Traylor-Swimming and Diving
- Mitch Adler, Kurt Denning, Finley Fehrenbacher, Tessley Freeman, Kayla Gerth, Ethan Kisel, Jacob Schapker, and Lauren Voelker were inducted into the National Honor Society at Mater Dei. They joined Aleilah Nisely and Emma Macke who were inducted into the honor society last year.



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me. And I think Mrs. Sweeney, who taught me in third grade, was one of the finest teachers I have had. She made learning very interactive and fun. Evan moved on to attend Tompkins Middle School—a big change from the small class he was used to before. And moving on to high school at Central was an even bigger school. But in each place Evan was able to make friends, especially through playing sports. Evan has been working hard with his classes now in high school. “My grades are the best they have ever been.” Right now he is attending the Career and Technical Center as well, and taking a class on HVAC. “It’s a lot of hands on learning and I like that. I don’t know that I would get into the field of heating and air conditioning as a career but I like to learn how things work and how to fix things. I think that can be a great asset in my future.” Next year, Ethan is planning on attending USI to pursue a degree in business and marketing. “I think I would like to pursue a career as a commodities broker, which is what my dad does. That will also give me a chance to keep a hand in farming. The Maurer farm goes back several generations and it would be a great thing to be able to continue this family legacy.”

Evan has had a love for sports especially baseball throughout his life. He’s been playing baseball for “as long as I can remember” beginning with his early years on a T-ball team. Over the years he has been a catcher, has also been a pitcher and most recently has been playing in the infield as the third baseman.

His love for baseball took a distinct turn during a game against Reitz. He was sliding into home plate and in the process tore his labrum. According to Evan, the labrum is the soft tissue that binds the humerus to the scapula. When it is torn, you’ll find that you can’t function properly with the affected arm.” Some folks opt for surgery as a way to repair this, but Evan didn’t want to go that route. So he’s spent a lot of time in rehab work. He hasn’t been able to play in any baseball games but instead has taken a lot of time doing stretching exercises and other rehab work. His hope is to be able to play for the Central varsity baseball team this spring.

Going through all the rehab has been a challenge for Evan. What’s got him through it? I know my brother cares. He really felt bad for me when this happened. My dad has been a big support as well. He was honest with me and told me that what I had to go through was going to be hard, but he had confidence in me that I would make it. His baseball coaches have also been a big influence on him. “They pushed me to do my best. That’s not always something you appreciate at the time, but looking back it’s pretty important.

No doubt the biggest supporters have been his mom and dad. “My dad has taught me a lot about hard work. As a commodities broker he’s also shown how important it is to develop good relationships with people. It’s all about learning how to develop good communication skills. My mom has always been there for us. I think she has spent a great deal of time just cleaning up after us. When we were younger we

sure did leave a lot of messes for her to clean up. I think it’s only now that I can appreciate all she has done.”

Family support from grandparents and great grandparents has also been a big influence in Evan’s life. My dad’s mom and grandma have probably been to almost every sporting event I have been involved in. They are definitely are #1 fans. We’ve lived next to my grandma and grandpa Maurer so they have always been a big part of our life. I have a lot of memories of when I was younger driving around in the gator with Grandpa John or riding with him in the combine. Now I’m getting to learn how to drive all this equipment!

WORDS OF WISDOM: “Dealing with the injuries I have had in baseball has helped me see life from another perspective. I really wanted to play baseball in college but that dream had to end. Sometimes when these kinds of things happen, you think everything is lost. But I’ve come to see that these situations can also be opportunities. I’ve also come to know how important it is to appreciate what you have in life. Next to dealing with my baseball injuries, the biggest challenge has been when a good friend of mine died in a car accident. She was the sweetest person I knew and I talked with her thirty minutes before she died. Of course I didn’t know that that was going to happen to her. It really does make you think about not taking things for granted.”



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will discover what it is *MOVING FROM FEAR TO LOVE (cont)* that we really care about, what we wish to protect: what people, places, things, hopes, and dreams we treasure. When we have the courage to hold our fears and anxieties and allow them to teach us, we can begin to experience a true sense of peace and freedom.

The saints who have gone before us show us that the way forward is to include others,

rather than trying to exclude them. As we expand our circle of caring to include *all people, all places, all of creation*, we can discover that our fears are shared and that all our cares come from the same place. As we come to understand our fear, we may find that we’re all just trying to figure out how to love.

Here’s how Nadia Bolz Weber, a Lutheran Pastor, described this journey from the ‘no’ of our fears to the ‘yes’ of loving:

Never once have I stopped being afraid just because someone said that. I AM afraid....So maybe our hope for becoming unafraid is found in ,,,,the part where Jesus calls Herod a fox and then refers to himself as a mother hen. A mother hen.

Maybe that beautiful image of God could mean something important for us, and by us I mean we fragile, vulnerable human beings who face very real danger. I can’t bear to say that this scripture is a description of what behaviors and attitudes you could imitate if you want to be a good, not-afraid person. But neither can I tell you that the Mother Hen thing means that God will protect you from Herod or that God is going to keep bad things from happening to you. Because, honestly, nothing actually keeps danger from being dangerous. A mother hen cannot actually keep a determined fox from killing her chicks. So, where does that leave us? I mean, if danger is real, and a hen can’t ac-

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MOVING FROM FEAR TO LOVE



MISSION OUTREACH



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Pope Francis

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 tually keep her chicks out of danger, then what good is this image of God as Mother Hen if faith in her can't make us safe?

Well today I started to think that maybe it's not safety that keeps us from being afraid. Maybe it's love. Which means that a Mother Hen of a God doesn't keep foxes from being dangerous.....a Mother Hen of a God keeps foxes from being what determines how we experience the unbelievably beautiful gift of being alive.

God, the Mother Hen, gathers all of her downy feathered, vulnerable little ones under God's protective wings so that we know where we belong, because it is there that we find warmth and shelter.



But faith in God does not bring you safety. The fox still exists. Danger still exists. And by that I mean, danger is not optional, but fear is. Because maybe the opposite of fear isn't bravery. Maybe the

opposite of fear is love. So, in response to the very real dangers of this world, we have an invitation as people of faith: which is to respond by loving.



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